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Subject:

Request for Stormwater Discharge Authorization

Former Celotex Site, 2800 South Sacramento Avenue, Chicago

Dear Mr. Sobanski:

We are writing you to confirm the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) is in agreement that MWRDGC does not have any permit requirements for the activities planned at the above referenced site and is in agreement with the drainage approach. The site is located in Chicago and will be covered under the City of Chicago stormwater program permit requirements. Our project team has previously discussed this matter with both Joe Rakoczy and Joe Schuessler at MWRDGC.

The purpose of the project is to place a cover of clean material over the former industrial site to support future use. The project is being conducted by Honeywell International Inc (Honeywell) under directive of USEPA. The project site is not currently owned by Honeywell, but was in the past and they are the responsible party for this work.

The project site is a 21.6 acre former industrial site known as the Celotex site located at 2800 South Sacramento Avenue, Chicago, IL. The site is subdivided into two parcels with two different owners. The larger parcel (approximately 20 acres), located to the north, is referred to as the Sacramento parcel, while the smaller parcel (approximately 2 acres), located to the south (3031 South Albany Avenue) is referred to as the Monarch parcel. The Sacramento parcel currently serves as a compacted gravel parking lot for semi trucks and trailers. The Monarch parcel is currently vacant with a compacted gravel surface.

The main goal of this project is to place a cover of clean material over the Sacramento and Monarch parcels to meet USEPA requirements. To meet USEPA requirements, clean material will be added to each parcel so that a 24 inch layer separates the surface from potentially impacted materials. The type of clean material will vary depending upon the location and will include vegetated topsoil and aggregate covers.

The construction plan allows for two options for the Sacramento parcel. The first is to have the Sacramento parcel cover material be gravel, similar to what currently exists. The second option is for the Sacramento parcel cover to be soil and grass. The Monarch parcel is anticipated to be a parking lot. This project will lay the base aggregate for a future porous pavement system.

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The Sacramento parcel has two drainage catchment areas (1 north and 1 south) in addition to side slope drainage (see attached drawings). The Monarch parcel has one catchment area of 1.6 acres in addition to side slope drainage under proposed conditions. The northern Sacramento catchment is approximately 3.2 acres while the southern catchment is approximately 13.3 acres. The Sacramento parcel has approximately 3.1 acres of side slopes that drain to areas other than the Monarch parcel. Except for the northern and western side slopes of the site, the northern catchment currently drains to the Whipple Street sewer (owned by City of Chicago) to the east of the site. Except for the site side slopes, the southern catchment currently drains to the same sewer as the Monarch catch basin and all flow drains from that point west to the Albany Avenue sewer (owned by the City of Chicago). Under existing conditions, side slopes drain to adjacent properties or rights of way for storms when the perimeter swale overtops.

The project will abandon existing stormwater pipes on both sites and install new pipes to direct stormwater to the CSO outfall to the Collateral channel south of the Monarch site across 31st Street. Stormwater pipes will discharge to the outfall just downstream of the tide gate (see attached drawings). A constructed treatment wetland is planned in the Collateral channel by The Wetlands Initiative (TWI) in cooperation with MWRDGC. Our project team has been in contact with Joe Schuessler/MWRDGC and Jill Kostel/TWI regarding this project and are in agreement, in principle, on sending the stormwater to the treatment wetland.

Please confirm that the MWRDGC is in agreement with this drainage approach and that MWRDGC does not have any permit requirements for the activities planned. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 773-693-2800 ext. 253.

Sincerely,

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